



First Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

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Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**You may rise in Body or Spirit.*

THE PRELUDE

THE INTROIT

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Clark Kimberling

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia!

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One We do not live by bread alone,

All but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

One Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

All Come, let us worship and give thanks.

***THE OPENING HYMN**

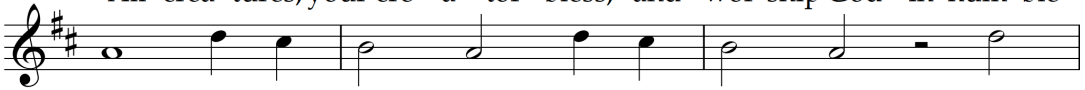
Lasst Uns Erfreuen; Geistliche Kirchengesäng

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Francis of Assisi



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n a -
Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day un - fold - est bless - ings on your
All crea - tures, your cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship God in hum - ble -



sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
long, O — sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
way, O — sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! The
ness, O — sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise,



burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a
flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glo - ry al - so
praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and Praise the Spi - rit, Three in



gleam,
voice! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
show!
One!



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven.

God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE RESPONSE . . . no. 844, verse 3**

“Incline Your Ear, O Lord, to Me”

*Danby; English Folk Melody
Michael Morgan*

**With steadfast love and mercy sure, God hears confession and forgives;
redeemed, the soul in which God dwells,
and blessed, the heart in which God lives!**

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Announcements

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10

One Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

**All Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

One Gracious and upright are you, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

All You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

One O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness

All to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

THE ANTHEM

“Call To Remembrance, O Lord”

Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old,
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.*

- Psalm 25:5-6

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's Moment, those in PreK through 5th grades may go to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children after worship from Room 107 in the education wing.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Introduction

The Blessing of the Animals

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 4:11-15

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Elder Steve Wylie

“Keeping the Faith and Growing It”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

***THE HYMN . . . no. 22**
"God of the Sparrow"

Roeder; Carl F. Schalk
Jaroslav J. Vajda

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars:
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say praise?
god of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast:
How does the creature say Woe? How does the creature say Save?
God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave:
How doe the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?
God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal:
How does the creature say care? How does the creature say life?
God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook:
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?
God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart:
How do your children say Joy? How doe your children say home?

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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*in unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- *The Apostles' Creed*

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

You may give online at firstpresevansville.com/giving or by sending a check to the church.

***The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606**

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

THE PRAYERS

The Call to Prayer
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Hear My Prayer; Jacques Berthier
Taizé Community

O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. Come and listen to me.

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Prayers of the People

One God of mercy,
All hear our prayer.

The Silent Prayers
The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

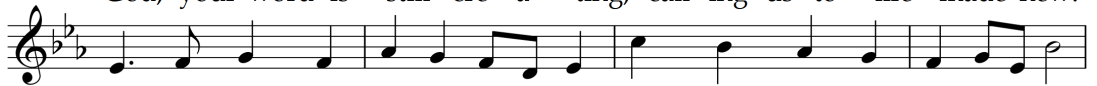
WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*THE CLOSING HYMN
"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Austrian Hymn; Franz Joseph Haydn
Jane Parker Huber



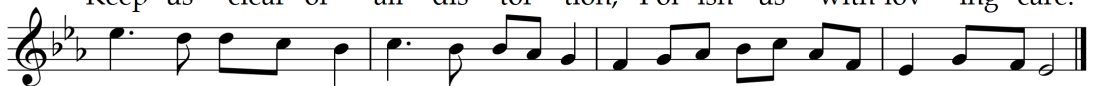
God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min-i-stry.
God, your word is still cre-a-ting, call-ing us to life made new.



mold the moun-tains, fash ion blos-soms, call forth sun-shine wind, and rain.
We re-pond in grateful wor-ship joined in one com-mun-i-ty.
Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre-a-ted in your i-mage, would a true re-flec-tion be
When we blur your gra-cious im-age, fo-cus us and make us whole.
Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion, Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.



of your just-tice, grace, and mer-cy and the truth that makes us free.
Healed and strength-ened as your peo-ple, we move on-ward to your goal.
Thus, new crea-tures in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.

*THE SENDING AND BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Thank you for the World So Sweet”

arr. Robert Nicholls

*Thank you for the world so sweet; thank you for the food we eat;
Thank you for the birds that sing; thank you, God, for everything.*

- E. Rutter Leatham

THE POSTLUDE

Leading worship this morning:

Pastor Anna von Winckler
Liturgists Sue Schriber, Steve Wylie
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church
The Handbell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The work of **Justice and Peacemaking** at FPC is back, and another CAJE year is kicking off too! Join us for a meeting on **Sunday, October 8 after the 10:30 worship service**. We will discuss CAJE opportunities and what matters to you in our community. Plus, we will brainstorm new opportunities for work around creation care (environment) and more.

Next month, the Mission Committee will highlight ways we each can alleviate hunger. Azzip Pizza (North location) is helping us get an early start by hosting a **giveback day on September 27** to benefit the **CROP Hunger walk**. Use the code on the right when you order your pizza in person or online, and Azzip will give 20% of your pretax purchase to the CROP walk. What a delicious way to help others!



You can help support those in our congregation who occasionally need a little extra care. Is **preparing a meal for others in need** one of your ministry gifts? Join our First Web Meal Train group for updates on opportunities to serve in this way. Make a note on your yellow worship slip, send an email to lora@fpcevv.com, or fill out the form on First Web: <https://firstpresevansville.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/73/responses/new>

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Michelle Haywood

Sunday, September 24

- 7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 5 Practices Discussion Group
- 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- Children's Sunday School
- 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 5:30 p.m. First Light at the Blaylock's
- 5:30 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Monday, September 25

- 7:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 26

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 3:45 p.m. Choir Teens
- 4:45 p.m. Handbell and Chime Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 26

- 5:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Outreach and Membership

Wednesday, September 27

- 1:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Thursday, September 28

- 4:00 p.m. Choir Beginners
- 4:45 p.m. Chorister Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. 5 Practices Discussion Group

Friday, September 29

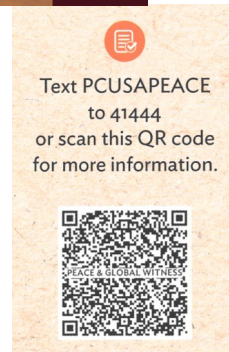
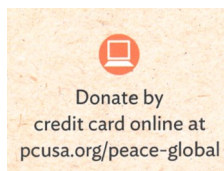
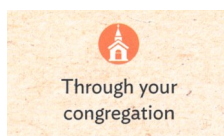
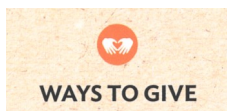
Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 30



Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for
your participation in the
Peace & Global Witness Offering.



We are there.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.



“YOU ARE WITH ME”

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

~ Teresa of Ávila

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Please give what you can.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!